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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

1. At the NSC Meeting this morning I mentioned to Admiral Anderson our very real interest in the possibility of utilizing Naval carriers for U-2 bases. He indicated that this had been studied previously but, for security reasons (so many people would know about it), had been rejected. Also that while the U-2 could take off from a carrier, there was some doubt as to whether it could land on one.

2. I told him that I thought that the security aspects were now pretty well out of date and that it seemed entirely appropriate to me to justify such flights on the basis of "fleet reconnaissance" and that if one happened to wander off course, it might just helpfully take some pictures. I told him that our people were working with his on the problem and suggested that he might want to inject himself into it. He seemed interested but made no commitment.

cc:MD

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